The Great and Wonderfull

MIRACLE

WROUGHT

On *Thurſday* laſt, by Mr. *Cheeſman*, Mr. *Beſt*, and others, upon one *George Brokingham*, living near the Three Cranes in *Thames-ſtreet*, who had ſold his Soul to the Devil for XXII. Years.

Together with a Copy of the Articles and Bond, writ with his own Hand, having let himſelf bloud in a Vein running from his left Thumb.

As alſo, their precious Arguments, Propoſitions, Doctrines, and Uſes, publiſhed for the uſe and comfort of all poor Sinners.

And the excellent Prayer upon this great Work of Converſion, in delivering him from the power of the Devil, and the flames of Hell.

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Miracles and Wonders wrought by Divines in theſe later Times.

SIn it is a little Serpent in the Boſom that is ſtinging, or like a Thief in the Cloſet that is ſtealing, or like Poiſon in the Stomack that is pining, or like a Sword in the Bowels that is killing. There is m re bitterneſs following upon ſins endings, than ever there was ſweetneſs flowing from ſins actings; you that ſee nothing but well in its commiſſions will ſuffer wo in its concluſion: it is better here to forego the pleaſures of ſin, than hereafter to undergo the pain of ſin: he that ſins for his profit, ſhall never profit by his ſins: he that likes the works of ſin to do them, will never like the wages of ſin to have them. Sin, why it is both ſhamefull and damnable, it ſhames men in this world, and proves a terreur to them in the other world; it's like *Judas*, that at firſt ſalutes us, but at laſt betrays us; or like *Dalila*, to ſmile in our faces, and betray us into our Enemies hands; as *Satan* had like to have done by this poor young man, who had made a Contract with the Devil, according to the words here recited, *viz.*

I George Brokingham *do openly acknowledge with mine own hand, that ſince I began to deſpair of all future mercies, but ſuch as ſhould ſupply me in my preſent neceſſities*

and wants, through the assistance of that Spirit that induces me thereunto, That upon the denying of the Christian Belief, and to be averse to any that should go about to dissuade, or withdraw me from it, I shoul have ten shillings a day, for the term of 22 years, from the time of my present age, being 23. Unto which I condescended, and with a sharp Knife blouded my self in a Vein of my left Hand, proceeding from my Thumb to the middle Finger, writ these words:

I Hereby do further covenant and grant upon the performance of these Promises that at the end of 22 years, I having my will satisfied, and my desires accomplished to the full, in all points as we are agreed, that then I yield up both Soul and Body to him that shall command it, and in the mean time, shall set my self in opposition against all such as shall either endeavour or preach Salvation.

Thus having continued for the space of about 9 weeks in a very desperate and sad condition, sometimes having as he fancied) Peacocks and Peahens appearing to his view; at other times to his Ear, the sound of brave Instruments, as Organs, Clarigo'ds, Lutes, Viols, Citerns, Flutes, Anomes, Harps, and divers other manner of Instruments which so ravished his minde, that he thought he had been in another world, fogetting the Duties of a real Christian, as well to the present estate of his temporal condition, as to the other future felicity of eternal glory: All which particulars, in so wofull a condition, were no small trouble and grief of heart to his Friends, especially to Mr. *J. Watson*, who meeting of him one Sabbath-day in the morning, and knowing his pity-

pity-deserving condition, importuned him to frequ
the Church, for that there were able Divines in seve
places, and that he doubted not but by the assistanc
the holy Spirit he might be brought off from all s
cal delusions, and again be received into th
Fold of Christ's Flock, wherein by the Eye
might pierce the Clouds, and discern
deemer sitting at the right hand of his g
who hath promised remission of sins t
tents, that shall come with a contrite h
ble spirit, to prostrate themselves b
God and mercifull a Creatour.

These and such like heavenly n
plied as Balsam to his Sores, and c
brought to hear Mr. *Cheesman*, an
wrought in him, through the t
these Doctrines: *O sinners, poor*
not but do towards you as Christ
when he c me nigh the City, le we
your state is a weeping state, your
Did Jesus Christ come from Hea
not you come out of your sins to
come from his Fathers bosome,
Crown, and all his Glory, to com to
to die and suffer here for poor sinners,
r ill this make no impression upon you?
Christ came into the world for no other
onely to die for poor sinners. It was the
to save poor sinners. Sirs, if you will n
the Scripture, and then surely you will
15. This is a faithfull saying, *says th*
thy of all acceptation, that Jesus C

orld to ſave ſinners. *Mark, ſir, He came into the world*
ve ſinners Chriſt han ed upon the Croſs, nd wept upon
roſs, and bled upon the Croſs, and died upon the Croſs,
ſinners. It w for poor ſinners, all the hardſhips, all
all the trials and buffetings which he met with, it
akes of poor ſinners. O ſin ers, is God willing
, and are not you willing to receive his on?
llingneſs of God, Beh ld, I ſtand at the
if any man hear my voice, and open
me in to him, and will ſup with him.
e behold I ſtand; who I, I that have
have a Crown to give, I that have all
e my ſelf to give, I ſtand and knock.
nners, who it is that ſtands at the door
ks, why, it is the King of Saints, th:
ighty God, and will you not open to
willing to be ſaved, to go to Heaven,
what, are are you unwilling to be
om ſin, and fro the flames of
hen ake your peace with God for
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e is willing to give a Chriſt, if you
ve a Chriſt; and therefore, poor
ations provoke you ſo to go f r life to
go for peace, to the Prince of peace; to
od of grace. O lay up and lay out for
and do your work and God will mak:
our w ges. Dear Sirs I beſeech you
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eighty Truths, and neceſſary Truths.
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that

that it may bring glory to God, and good to your own souls.

These Doctrines being so elaborately held forth, it pleased the most High, to work many serious contemplations in many of the Hearers hearts, and in a more especial manner upon the heart of this poor despairing Soul, who betaking himself to private meditations, and reiterating over the words of Mr. *Cheesman*, Mr. *Canton*, Mr. *Best*, and others, brake forth into these Evangelical expressions.

ALmighty Saviour how gracious hast thou been to poor afflicted souls to promise them, that whosoever asketh shall receive, whosoever seeketh shall finde, and whosoever knocketh it shall be opened unto him: doubtless thou takest a pleasure in giving, in accepting and in opening the gates of mercy. Behold then, I do not onely acknowledge this goodness to all mankinde, but thy particular mercy to my self; and whereas I have found the want even of good desires. I beseech thee supply me with thine infused grace for I seek my lost self, and I seek thee whom I have lost: I finde thee in midst of manifold compassions, I finde my self in the snares of temptations and miseries, I finde thee in the Treasure-house of thy Promises, I finde my self in the Dungeon and Prison-house of mine iniquity, I finde thee in the Sanctuary of Heaven, I finde my self in the depths of Hell. Behold then, I crave both to seek my self and thee: my self as having committed many grievous sins, to which I would fain be directed to the School of Repentance; thee, as having suffered for them, yea brought unto death and a most grievous Passion for my sake. O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, withdraw me from the snares of the Devil, and grant me

true

true Repentance, humb by intreating thee to cast down a favourable countenance on me, and make me Partaker of all thy Promises, for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

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